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Amendments to the specification

Please replace the paragraph commencing at line 6, page 15 by the following amended paragraph:

-- Materials can be foamed in a mold to provide 3D porous structures. The mixture can be foamed on or in a substrate, which remains intact after foaming, debinding and sintering, to produce a coating or to produce composite structures. Foaming can be done for example on a plate, on a rod, in or outside a tube, in or on other porous structure (mesh, beads, foam for example) or any other substrate. The material can be machined after foaming, debinding or sintering. --